



## PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM

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- **INTRO**

As followers of Christ, we live in constant dependence on the Holy Spirit: we cannot be who we are called to be, we cannot do what we are called to do, we cannot live in intimate union with Jesus unless the Holy Spirit is doing His work. Today, we're using yet another prayer from the Lectio365 app by 24/7 Prayer International ("Come Holy Spirit," July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by Izwe Nkosi), because this reflection is so powerful and important right now. After the Exodus, God met his people at a Mountain, with wind and fire accompanying this life changing encounter with His presence. In Acts, as the Holy Spirit fills believers on Pentecost, wind and fire come again—but this time in a different way that reveals much about who we are and what God has done. In such an important time in our national and the world, let us seek the power of the Holy Spirit once again for our lives and for the churches of our community. Let's pray.

- **PAUSE**

As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God.

*Pause and pray*

***As I draw near to You, God, would You draw near to me? Teach me to pray.  
Speak, Lord – Your servant is listening.***

- **REJOICE**

I rejoice in God's character today, joining with the ancient praise of all God's people in the words of Psalm 36: ***"Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O LORD."***

- **SONG**

**"You Deserve it All" Click Here - <https://youtu.be/vT-BEvz1Fm0>**

### VERSE 1

Found in Your name the power to save  
With only a whisper mountains shake  
Jesus our hope and strength  
You made a way unlocked these chains

Here in Your presence strongholds break  
Freed by the love You gave

## CHORUS

We give You the highest praise  
You deserve it all You deserve it all

Heaven and earth will join and sing  
Jesus has overcome

## VERSE 2

There on a tree merciful King  
Broken and shamed for all to see  
The Father laid down His Son  
From darkness to light  
Death lost to life

## BRIDGE

With every breath that's in my lungs  
My heart cries out to You belongs  
The glory (the glory)  
Through every loss or victory  
My soul will rise to only bring  
You glory (You glory)

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## • **REFLECT**

Today, I return to the story of Jesus' closest friends and followers. They are gathered together in Jerusalem, praying and waiting for the gift that Jesus has promised...

### **Acts 2:1-4**

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."*

This dramatic encounter with God's presence reminds me of another one. In Exodus chapter 19, the recently freed Jewish people had gathered at the foot of a mountain to meet with God and be commissioned as His nation. Among other things, God shows up in fire and turbulent weather. His word to them shapes the nation of Israel forever. Here in the book of Acts I see God's presence – His Holy Spirit – arriving again with fire and wind, but this time, instead of falling on a mountain, He falls on people. Instead of God speaking, He enables them to speak. This moment is as foundational for us, the Church, as Exodus chapter 19 was for a nation.

## • **ASK**

*What is my expectation as I pray? Have I stopped to comprehend that I am talking with the God of Exodus and Acts? I ask You, God – show me who You are.*

*Pause and pray*

***Holy Spirit, I ask You to fall again on people. Fall on the global Church afresh today.***

***I ask you to bring to mind different churches in my community that I can pray for now. Pause and pray.***

- **YIELD**

As I return to the passage, I open my ears to hear Your Word, and my heart to yield to Your will once again.

**Acts 2:1-4**

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This is the birth of the Church. Within a few verses, these people would spill out of their meeting place and tell a city about Jesus. Their encounter with the presence of God could not be contained. They could not keep the good news of Jesus to themselves. I often seek an encounter with God for myself—for my own experience or help. Today, am I willing to pray, to pursue God so I can share Him with others?

*Pause and pray*

***Jesus, I thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help me not to live for the next high – the next dramatic moment of awareness of Your presence. Show me where I can share Your presence in the normality of today. I am encouraged that I am not alone, but that Jesus promised in Acts 1 that I will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on me; and I will be His witness to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)***

- **SONGS**

**“Spirit of the Living God” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/BagH-zTfnsQ>**

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Melt me mold me  
Fill me use me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

**“Set a Fire” Click Here - <https://youtu.be/lpXd6-cT-cY>**

**VERSE**

No place I would rather be  
No place I would rather be  
No place I would rather be  
Than here in Your love  
Here in Your love

**CHORUS**

set a fire down in my soul  
That I can't contain and I can't control  
I want more of You God  
I want more of You God

**BRIDGE**

I want more, I want more  
I want more, I want more  
I want more, I want more  
Won't you pour it out

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• **Closing Prayer**

***Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to You, in every way.***

***Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.***

***Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.***